

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

PROF. A. H. GASS.

Made His Start in School Work in Audrain County.

The article below was taken from last Saturday's St. Louis Republic. Mr. Gass married a daughter of the late James Shell of Mexico. He has two brothers residing in this county—W. K. Gass near Laddonia and A. G. Gass, just west of Mexico. Mrs. Rufus Pearson, of Mexico, is a relative of Mrs. Gass. Here's the Republic article:

Howard Allen Gass, nominated



without opposition in the recent primary to succeed himself as State Superintendent of Public Schools, is a native of Audrain County, having been born and reared on a farm near Mexico. As a boy he attended the district school in the Mexico High School, an excellent private school in his day.

After completing his education he taught in the country schools of Audrain County and in the academy which he attended as a pupil, and then served as principal of the Martinsburg school. From Martinsburg he went to Vandalia, where he served several years as superintendent for seven years. For several years he was School Commissioner of his native county. From Vandalia he was called to the office of the State Superintendent at Jefferson City, where he served twelve years in various capacities under Superintendent W. E. Coleman and Superintendent W. T. Carrington.

In 1888 Mr. Gass became editor of The Missouri School Journal, the State educational paper, which position he still retains. His training in the office of the State Superintendent, combined with his previous experience as teacher and Superintendent, eminently fitted him for the State superintendency. Hence it was that with no misgivings that his friends prevailed upon him to accept the Democratic nomination for four years ago. During his incumbency he has discharged his duties in so capable a manner that he has passed the predictions of his best friends.

To enumerate the means of school improvement inaugurated during the administration of Mr. Gass is to present an array of things accomplished that seems, at first thought, impossible to crowd into the short space of four years.

In grasping the opportunities presented to better the schools of the State and in bringing to a realization the dreams of years, Mr. Gass has demonstrated his ability as a leader in educational matters and his fitness for the office which he fills.

Alford-Strickler Wedding.

Mr. Clarence E. Alford of Vandalia and Miss Ruby Strickler of near Columbia, formerly a teacher of manual training in the Mexico public schools, were married Wednesday of last week. Here's our best wishes extended them.

Miss Winnie Gibbs is visiting her uncle, E. T. Gibbs, near Wells-ville.

COUNTY TEACHERS.

Held an Interesting Meeting in Mexico Last Friday and Saturday.

The teachers of the county held a most interesting meeting in Mexico last week. Instructive addresses and talks were made by the following: Prof. H. A. Gass, Miss Blanche White, Miss Martha Montague, J. M. Barnes, Miss Golden Emerson, E. M. Carter, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, S. T. Davis, J. L. Shobe, J. M. Harrison, Dr. R. W. Berrey, and others.

Those attending the meeting and where they will teach were as follows:

T. J. Williams, Hall.
J. M. Barnes, Laddonia.
Dora K. Barnes, Sturgeon.
Effie Simpson, Martinsburg.
Nina Kennen, Highland.
Bertha Kiger, Lakenan.
Martha Montague, East Lick.
Emma Miller, Vandalia.
Ina Wyckoff, Rush Hill.
Elois Rutledge, Laddonia.
Katheryn Moore, Fennwald.
Daisy Humphrey, Vandalia.
Della Talbott, Oak Grove.
Bertha Fuqua, Beagles.
Marguerite Hamilton, Prairie Hill.

Eva Hamay, Hazel.
Mrs. Ida Yost, Laddonia.
Goldie Quinn, Fair View.
Flora B. Hidy, West Lick.
Lucy Lewis, Ellis.
Ella Criswell, Farber.
Gladys Surber, Pleasant Plains.
Elizabeth Murphy, Union.
Mahel F. Davis, Daniel.
Golden Emerson, Duly.
Ira Simpson, Elm Spring.
J. C. Harmon, Martinsburg.
Aubert Parson, Crow.
George Coakley, Walker.
Jannette R. White, Lawson.
Zola Beal, Washington.
Minnie Forbis, Friendship.
Pearl Barnett, Central.
Addie Cunningham, High Hill.
Hermie Gibbs, Payne.
Mattie E. Slonaker, Hisey.
Mary Morrison, Strother.
Winnie Gibbs, Laddonia.
Annie Marshall, Flynt.
Florence Brown, Cedar Grove.
Mary Farrington, Excelsior.
Mattie Talley, Dye.
Elizabeth O'Brien, Erisman.
Otie Baker, Goodwater.
Ethyl Baker, Naylor.
Florence Kirkpatrick, Farber.
Elizabeth Reymer, Prairie Chapel.

Pearl Parker —
Beulah Griffin, Hurdle.
Blanche White, Liberty.
H. B. Browning, Molino.
C. W. Sansberry, Thompson.
E. C. Offutt, Burke.
J. M. Harrison, Jackson.
Margaret Drake, Botts.
Benlah Hagan, Elm Bend.
Kitty Turley, Benton City.
Gertrude Duncan, Beaver Dam.
Myrtle Duncan, Fox.
Sallie Crane, South Liberty.
Vea Smith, Bear Slough.
Edna Ernst, Chapel Grove.
Mrs. Nellie McKeehan, Jesse.
A. A. May, Carter.
Edna Gant, Eureka.
Mary Johnson, Ringo.

New City Directory.

A new City Directory of Mexico has just been issued. There is a record there if you are in any kind of business here. John A. Abhay is the first person mentioned and Miss Ruth Younger, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Younger, is the last person mentioned—the Alpha and Omega. Too many Smiths have left the town, they are outnumbered by the Johnsons, 60 to 30, exactly two to one. There are more Browns than Smiths—33 to 30—and the Jones have the Skidoo number, 23. All in all it is an interesting book.

Mrs. C. A. Witherspoon and little daughter, Katherine, are visiting relatives in Scotts Bluffs, Neb.

LADDONIA HAPPENINGS.

A Barn Burned—Frank Levick Hurt—The Revival Meeting.

S. F. Larue and W. K. Gass were in Mexico on business Tuesday of this week.

The big tent meeting in the Park is gaining in interest. Three conversions Tuesday night.

Mrs. G. W. Covey's barn, four miles northwest of here, was struck by lightning at one o'clock Sunday morning and burned to the ground. Besides the building she lost a wagon, all the harness, about 700 bushels of oats and the bird dog. There was \$500 insurance.

Miss Nina Stallings of Mexico visited Laddonia friends last week. The show has come and gone. Of course all the older people were there, to look after the little ones and to show them the monkey and elephant.

The threshing machines are beating out the golden grain. Fortune has smiled on the farmer and he goes about wearing a broad grin.

Nat Sutton, of near Farber, sold to Judge Quisenberry some young feed heifers at four cents a pound. Miss Annie Crawford of Mexico is visiting friends here and will also visit her grandmother, near Worcester, Mrs. Murry.

M. E. Huffman, south of here, the molasses man, had 20 acres of fairly good wheat this year—far just his own use it would make him bread for a long time. He had a good oats crop and his corn crop prospects are also fine.

Mrs. S. V. Wilder has brought suit in the circuit court against her stepson, C. A. Wilder, the executor of her husband's will, the late Judge B. H. Wilder. Plaintiff seeks to have certain sums of money paid to her. It is said, which she alleges, are due, and to have said executor, whose home is now in St. Louis, deposed and a new executor appointed.

Frank Levick, of near here, was slugged and robbed of his money and found in an insensible condition on a back street in Mexico one night last week. Mr. Levick seems to meet trouble quite often in his trips to the county seat. Some months ago he fell from a train in Mexico and was seriously injured.

John Hobson shipped a load of hogs to St. Louis last week. He paid \$8.25 and sold at \$9.25.

Ed. Weber went to Kansas City this week, expecting to buy stock cattle.

Mrs. Reube Bellamy and daughter, Miss Nellie, are in Quincy, Ill., laying in a stock of millinery. Edgar Shobe is shipping oats, paying 27 cents a bushel.

A fine rain Saturday night. It will be a great help for the corn. Corn, in many instances, will have to hurry if it makes a yield.

J. C. DeLaporte attended the county meeting of teachers in Mexico last Saturday. Mr. DeLaporte the never a teacher, has always been a school man and very much interested in the teacher's work. The county needs more such school patrons as he.

The farmers are turning over the ground, getting ready to sow a fall crop of wheat.

W. H. Beal returned to Mexico Sunday. He made a new pond in his pasture, the Anthony tract of land, northeast of town.

Mrs. C. C. Ingram visited her sister, Mrs. W. W. Underwood, near Perry, last week.

Thrown From Buggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Spurling and baby, of Skinner community, and Miss Stella Snidow of this city, were all thrown out of a buggy last Thursday, while driving north of town. The horse ran off. All escaped without any serious hurts.

SANTA FE NOTES.

Three Weddings Celebrated—Revival Meeting Closes—James Bridgford to Move.

Mrs. Leander Heckard and daughter, Miss Lula, and Ida Young spent Friday with Mrs. Roy Purvis, south of town.

John Sherman's have as their guests their nieces, the Misses Fields, of near Goss.

Ernest Hale and wife gave the young folks a social Saturday night. Needless to say all had a fine time. Mr. and Mrs. Hale are delightful entertainers.

Eld. Hendricks and family spent Saturday evening and Sunday in Perry.

Geo. McGee visited friends near Paris the last of the week.

Dr. Will Botts and Miss Vera Lee Bates, both of this city, were married at the home of the bride by Rev. Kerr, Wednesday morning, at ten o'clock the 10th inst.

The bride is a sweet, womanly young girl and her many friends are glad to know she will make her home here. Dr. Botts has been here only a short time yet has made many friends. After a trip to St. Louis, Dr. Botts and wife will be at home to their many friends in Santa Fe.

Miss Alta Dusenbury of Strother visited Mrs. Ves Henderson recently.

Charlie Dull of Paris visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. R. L. Yonell entertained the Junior Endeavorers Wednesday jolly, good time was had and a lunch of lemonade, cake and pears was served. Mrs. Yonell understands how to make little folks have the time of their lives.

Roger Hunt of Mexico was in this vicinity the first of last week. Cleve Wilson and sister, Mary, and Lulu Inman were in New London last week.

Riley Parks of near Perry and Miss Inez Hanna, daughter of Dave Hanna, north of town, were married Wednesday. A splendid young couple. Best wishes extended them.

Ves Henderson and family were called to Holliday first of last week to see his brother, Henry, who is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Cicero, Dowell, of Victor, visited her sister, Mrs. John Capps, Thursday of last week.

John Jones of Texas was at Geo. Crump's not long since.

Mrs. S. J. Yonell and children have returned home after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Mr. Joe Wilson of Santa Fe and Miss Lizzie Lockwood of New London were united in marriage at the bride's home Wednesday.

The groom lives on a farm west of town. Everybody knows Joe and his smile that won't come off. We know his bride is the sensible woman that Joe has wanted for all these years. Santa Fe people will welcome her to our midst.

Jim Morehead and wife of near Paris spent the last of the week with his sister, Mrs. Geo. McGee, here.

John Sherman was in Mexico one day last week.

The meeting at the Christian church closed Wednesday night. There were five persons joined by letter and one by confession. Bro. McQueen handles the Scripture in a forcible way; doesn't beat about the bush. The church was wonderfully helped by his sermons and the S. S. took on new life by his untiring efforts. Bro. Pettit and wife helped very much with the song service.

Mrs. Brown and son, Earl, spent Thursday at Eck McFadden's, south of town.

Uncle Tom Smith visited his son, Carl Smith, in Mexico last week.

John Atchison and wife of Mexico visited their son, Edd Atchison, south of town, recently.

James Bridgford, south of town, will have a sale Sept. 1st, and move to Kansas. These are good people and it is with genuine regret that we see them go. Uncle Jimmie will be missed from the church and Sunday school work; he loved so well. The church won't realize her loss until he is gone. We'll never find another Uncle Jimmie.

Tom Snell of Centralia is visiting Aunt Mary Criger.

There will be a Sunday school picnic at Strother, Aug. 23rd. All Sunday schools invited. Every one welcome. The Santa Fe band will furnish the music.

Gum Hanna is quite sick; has gall stones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leyton spent Sunday with her parents, south of Perry.

EGGS FOR WALLACE.

Attempt to Break up a "Dry" Meeting—Two Women Hit.

The following has reference to a brother of Rev. A. A. Wallace of Mexico:

Clinton, Mo., Aug. 19.—An attempt was made here tonight to break up the prohibition meeting in the public square by throwing eggs at the speaker, Judge Wm. H. Wallace of Kansas City. The missiles were thrown from the roof of a building formerly occupied by a saloon.

The aim of the throwers was poor and the eggs passed over Judge Wallace's head into the crowd. One struck Mrs. John Chamberlin and another Mrs. Mattie Anderson. The third was wild. The eggs were "scrambled" after breaking that it was impossible to learn whether they were of the vintage of 1910 or of an earlier year.

Judge Wallace did not learn of the incident until after the meeting. No attempt was made to learn who threw the eggs.

Clinton is a dry town. In a recent election it voted in favor of the wet plan, but the ruling of the county court has made it impossible for an applicant to obtain a saloon license. All applicants for saloons must obtain the signatures of two-thirds of the property owners in the block where they purpose to open their places before a license is granted.

Since the election it has been impossible to obtain the required number of signatures, and Clinton in spite of its avowed intention to be wet, has become one of the dry towns of the state.

Lost for 40 Years.

The following paragraph appeared in the St. Louis Republic a few days ago:

Mexico, Mo., Aug. 19.—After losing her wedding ring more than forty years ago on her husband's farm, northwest of this city, Mrs. J. W. Pearson of Newtonia, Mo., is again wearing the simple band of gold.

It was while visiting their old home near this city, which they left thirty years ago, that they met the present owner, George Irion, Pearson remarked that his wife lost her wedding ring on the farm forty years ago. To their delight Irion and his wife said they had found it only a short time before.

A. W. Prussing is visiting a brother and sister in Chicago, whom he had not seen in 30 years. Mr. Prussing does not take many trips away from home.

Engagement Announced.

The engagement of Miss Alice Llewellyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Llewellyn of this city to Mr. Robert C. Snoddy, also of this city, was announced one day last week. The nuptials will be celebrated this fall. The bride-to-be is one of Mexico's brightest and most accomplished young women and her intended is also a young man of excellent character and able business tact. We venture our congratulations and best wishes in advance.

Mrs. Waters Dead.

Mrs. T. H. Waters of this city, 44 years of age, died last Monday after an illness of about three weeks with appendicitis. The husband survives her besides the following children: John N. Ray, Hobson, Sadie and Mary. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday afternoon. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burns. The wife and mother will be greatly missed in the home. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Botts-Bates Nuptials.

Our Santa Fe correspondent hinted last week of a certain to-be wedding. The guess was right. Dr. Wm. F. Botts and Miss Vera Bates, both of that city, were married Wednesday morning, the 10th inst., and then they drove to Mexico in an automobile and took the train for a wedding trip to St. Louis and Chicago. A splendid young couple it is and we extend them our congratulations and very best wishes, for a long life and happiness and prosperity together.

Our Old Boyhood Friend Jim Crockett of Perry was here to attend the Fair last Friday. Jim used to be a light-weight and he could trip the light fantastic as gracefully as we ever saw. We would like to see him try it now, he tips the beam at 310 pounds, a heavy-weight; and don't you forget it.

Last Monday was the hottest day of the summer here, Llewellyn's Government thermometer registering 98.

THE BIG FAIR.

"Big Thursday" a Rouser—Fine Crowd Every Day.

Mexico's fifth annual Fair was a great success. The weather was ideal and there were record-breaking crowds present each day. Mexico and Audrain county people were winners of many of the best prizes. In this bunch were Middleton and Tom Bass in the fine saddle horse rings; Emmons in the fine Short-horn cattle ring; V. O. Smith with his high-class Duroc Jersey hogs; Porter Bruce with his draft stock; Ed. Hamilton with his Ortiz Rose stock; W. R. Wisdom, with his fine young male, and others.

Everybody, it seemed, was interested in the races, but if you were there—we let it go at that.

Here were the awards:

Best pair horse mules hitched to farm wagon, R. C. Dunlap, Fulton.

Best pair mules, 3 year old and over, Price Bros., first and second.

Grand sweepstakes mule colt ring, J. D. Garrard, Centralia, first; J. E. Muir, Auxvasse, second.

Best Short Horn bull, 2 years and over, S. P. Emmons & Son, first; Pre-witt & Sons, Clarksville, second.

Best junior yearling Short Horn bull, S. P. Emmons & Son.

Best senior Short Horn bull calf, S. P. Emmons & Son.

Best junior Short Horn bull calf dropped after Jan. 1, S. P. Emmons & Son, first; Pre-witt & Sons, second.

Best Short Horn cow, 3 years old and over, Pre-witt & Sons, first; S. P. Emmons & Son, second.

Best Short Horn cow, two years old and under three, Douglass Burns, Clarksville, first; Pre-witt & Sons, second.

Best senior yearling Short Horn heifer, Pre-witt & Sons, first; S. P. Emmons & Son, second.

Best junior yearling Short Horn heifer, Pre-witt & Sons, first and second.

Best young herd of one male and three females, Short Horns, S. P. Emmons & Son, first; Pre-witt & Sons, second.

Best saddle mare, four years old and over, Hook & Woods, first; H. R. Muir, second.

Best saddle mare, 3 years and under 4, Tom Bass, first; W. J. Cowles, second.

Best saddle mare, 2 years and under 3, C. W. Pease, first; J. R. Pease, second.

Best saddle mare, one year and under 2, Hook & Woods, first and second.

Best saddle mare under 1 year old, W. H. Cartwright, Holliday, Mo.; Ed. Hamilton, second.

Best saddle stallion, 4 years and over, Tom Bass, first; Hook & Woods, second.

Best saddle stallion, 4 year and over, Tom Bass, first; Hook & Woods, second.

Best jack, 2 year or under 3, R. H. Cauthorn.

Best jack, any age, R. H. Cauthorn.

Best jennet, any age, J. Ford Davis.

Best saddle stallion, 3 years and under 4, Tom Bass, first; Hook & Woods, second.

Best saddle stallion, 2 years and under 3, R. H. Cauthorn.

Best saddle stallion, 1 year and under 2, T. J. Phelps.

Best horse colt by Ortiz Rose, John Fletcher.

Best saddle stallion under 1 year old, E. A. Squires.

Best mare with mule colt by her side, Ed. Hamilton, first; W. R. Wisdom, second.

Best horse mule any age, Ed. Hamilton, first; R. C. Dunlap, second.

Best horse mule colt, any age, Tom Bass, first; T. J. Phelps, second.

Best draft mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, Ed. Hamilton, first; Porter Bruce, second.

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Best draft mare or gelding, 3 years old and under 4, Porter Bruce, first; O. R. Massey, second.

Best draft mare or gelding, 2 years old and under 3, Porter Bruce, first; O. R. Massey, second.

Best draft mare or gelding, both considered, Porter Bruce.

Best draft mare or gelding, 1 year and under 2, O. R. Massey, first; English Bros., second.

Best draft colt, either sex, owned in Audrain county, Porter Bruce.

Best light harness mare or gelding any age, C. H. Culbertson, first; E. J. Moore, second.

Best mare colt by Ortiz Rose, Ed. Hamilton.

Best saddle gelding any age, Hook & Woods, first; Ben Muir, second.

Best walk, trot, canter mare, any age, Hook & Woods, first; Thornton Farm, second.

Best saddle and harness mare, owned in Audrain county, C. H. Dean, first; Alex Carter, second.

Best colt either sex, under 1 year old, saddle or harness bred, Alex Carter, first; W. H. Cartwright, second; E. A. Squires, third; C. H. Dean, fourth.

Best saddle horse, mare or gelding, 4 years old or under, Tom Bass, first; Hook & Woods, second.

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